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MEMORANDUM TO: Donna L. Searcy, Secretary

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FROM: Office of Commissioner Duggan

RE: Implementation of Section 4(g) of the Cable Television

Consumer Protection Act of 1992

DATE: April 6, 1993

Please include the attached letters in the record of MM Docket No. 93-8

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Commissioner Quello Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554-1170

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Dear Commissioner Ouello:

We are an alternative school whose mission is to give young Texans a second chance in life. We recover school dropouts and assist them through education and employability training to go on to college, vocational training program or place them in full-time, tax-paying employment.

From time to time, I have been honored to appear on In Your Interest on KHSX, Channel 49 in Irving, Texas to present my views and concerns on at-risk youth, school dropouts, youth gangs and other youth related issues.

Representatives of our organization including myself have appeared on six different television stations in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex. I am very impressed with the commitment of KHSX to airing issues of critical importance to our community.

It is my understanding that KHSX might lose some protection under "must carry" legislation. I would encourage you to ensure that this does not happen.

Based on my personal knowledge that they are as concerned and committed to the community as the other broadcasters, I urge you to provide them with the same protection afforded other broadcasters.

Sincerely yours,

G. Grant East, Ph.D.

President

CC: Commissioner Andrew Barrett Commissioner Ervine Duggan Commissioner Sherrie Marshall

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The Honorable Ervin Duggan Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street NW Washington, DC 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Commissioner Duggan:

I am writing this letter in favor of granting "Must Carry" status to WHSH-TV, licensed to the city of Marlborough, MA. Although WHSH-TV carries the Home Shopping Club as its major programming, the station is fully committed to the local issues of the local communities.

I know this first hand because of my relationship with WHSH-TV. As the Clinic Director in Framingham, we recently worked with the station to produce a series addressing the issue of child sexual abuse. This enabled our organization to get our message out to the public.

After you thoroughly investigate this station's performance, I am sure that you will be more than satisfied with the level at which this station serves the public interest. It will be an asset to have WHSH-TV carried on all cable systems so that everyone will be able to take advantage of their local programming.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Moran

PAM/srw

January H. Scott, Regional Administrator
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I know this first hand because of my relationship with WHSH-TV. As the Director of Programs at the Greater Boston Food Bank, we recently worked with the station to produce two programs addressing the issue of hunger and publicizing the relief work of the Food Bank. This enabled our organization to get our message out to the public.

After you thoroughly investigate this station's performance, I am sure that you will be more than satisfied with the level at which this station serves the public interest. It will be an asset to have WHSH-TV carried on all cable systems so that everyone will be able to take advantage of their local programming.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Perille

Director of Programs

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The Honorable Ervin Duggan Acting Commissioner FCC 1919 M Street NW Washington, DC 20554 RECEIVED

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Dear Commissioner Duggan:

At the end of March the FCC must decide whether WHSH-TV (Marlborough, MA) will qualify for "Must Carry" status on cable stations.

WHSH-TV carries primarily home shopping, and I must admit that I personally question the social value of such programming; however, WHSH-TV has shown commitment to public service as well. In addition to its daily news programs (which well may be the only news some of its viewers see), it carries a public service segment called "In Your Interest," which spotlights various community activities.

I was interviewed for a piece on this segment about the trail work (hiking, cross-country skiing) that groups in my community have been doing. The interviewer and cameraman were very professional during the interview and while they followed us on the trails. The resulting 8-minute piece was beautifully edited to make clear what the trail network is all about and how people of all ages and interests can use it and participate. I was very impressed by the piece. It has been successful in attracting attention (a number of phone

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The Honorable Ervin Duggan Federal Communication Commissioner 1919 M Street NW Washington, DC 20554 RECEIVED

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Dear Commissioner Duggan:

I am writing this letter in favor of granting "Must Carry" status to WBHS-TV, licensed to the City of Tampa, Florida. Although WBHS-TV carries the Home Shopping Club as its major programming, the station is fully committed to the local issues of its local communities.

I know this first hand because of my relationship with WBHS-TV as

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RUTH A. BRANDWEIN, PH.D. COMMISSIONER

February 26, 1993

James Quello Acting Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street NW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Quello:

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

I am writing to you in support of WHSI-TV, Channel 67, in Smithtown, New York. Although, WHSI carries the Home Shopping Club as its major programming, the station also addresses the issues of its local communities.

As the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services, I worked with WHSI-TV to produce a segment against "welfare-bashing." The five minute piece aired in January 1992 on the station's "In Your Interest" public affairs program. The program enabled the department to inform the public of the true causes of soaring welfare costs and to speak out against welfare-bashing. In another program, we addressed the issue of family violence.

We have found WHSI-TV to be very public spirited and Mr. Porrello, Program Manager, to be quite innovative in picking up public service issues to present to his audience. We have appreciated the opportunity to work with them to better inform Suffolk County residents of social service issues.

Very truly yours,

Ruth A. Brandwein, Ph.D.

Commissioner

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cc: D. I

D. Porrello

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#### Boys and Girls Club of Hudson, Inc.

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I know this first hand because of my relationship with WHSH-TV. As the Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Hudson, we have worked on a number of projects with the station, including a series on services available at the Boys & Girls Club. We also had a program series on a major project which provided safe Halloween alternatives to youngsters instead of the traditional trick or treating. WHSH-TV was instrumental in helping this organization to get our message out to the public. We received a great response as a result of these projects.

After you thoroughly investigate this station's performance, I am confident that you will be more than satisfied with the level at which this station serves the public interest. It will be an asset to have WHSH-TV carried on all cable systems so that everyone will be able to take advantage of their local programming.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Desautels

**Executive Director** 







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Commissioner Quello Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554-0106 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Commissioner Quello,

On occasion, I've had the opportunity to participate in the production and presentation of <u>In Your Interest</u> on KHSX, Channel 49, in Irving, Texas.

As a partner in the production of this issue-oriented program, I've experienced, first-hand, the commitment the station exhibits in informing, educating and serving the community in which it operates.

It has recently come to my attention that broadcast stations such as KHSX, who provide shopping services, could be excluded from the protections of "Must Carry" legislation, under the premise that they do not broadcast in the public interest.

My association with KHSX and its presentation of <u>In Your Interest</u>, differs greatly with that perception. I urge you to provide them the same protections under must carry as would be afforded other broadcasters. The information, issue development and thought provoking stimulus they provide to the community via <u>In Your Interest</u>, is indeed worthy of such protection.

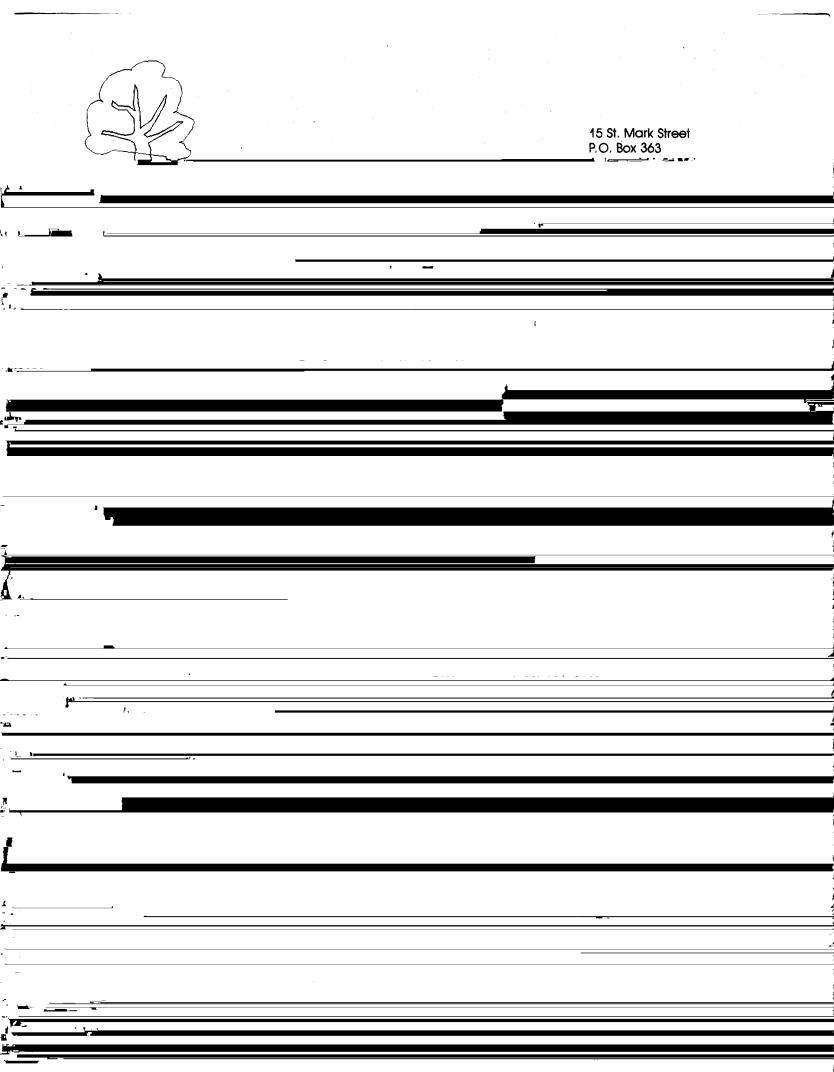
As a partner in their efforts, I urge you to insure that their commitment no longer be belittled or ignored. Their dedication to the community, which I've witnessed, is worthy of your support.

Cordially yours

H. M. Motsinger, Ed.D.

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cc: Commissioner Sherrie Marshall - 20554-0105 Commissioner Andrew Barrett - 20554-0103 Commissioner Ervine Duggan - 20554-0104



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Commissioner Ervine Duggan Federal Communication Commission Washington, D.C. 20554-0104

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Dear Commissioner Duggan:

During the past two years, I've had the opportunity to

As a partner in their efforts, I urge you to insure that their commitment no longer be belittled or ignored. Their dedication to the community, which I've witnessed, is worthy of your support.

Sincerely

Diane Wolf Supervisor

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ANGELA CARUSO Director

February 21, 1993

The Honorable Ervin Duggan Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 1919 M. Street NW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Duggan:

I am writing this letter in support of granting "Must Carry" status to WHSE-TV, licensed to the city of Newark, New Jersey. Although WHSE-TV carries the Home Shopping Club as its major programming, the station is fully committed to the local issues of its local communities.

As Director of Computer Education and Technology of the Newark Board of Education, we have worked with the station on more than one occasion to produce a series about technology and Newark students. This enabled us to inform the public about the role of technology and highlight its importance.

After you thoroughly investigate WHSE-TV's records, I am sure that you will be more than satisfied with the level at which WHSE-TV serves the public interest. It will be an assest to have WHSE-TV carried on all cable systems so that everyone will be able to take adavantage of the station's local programming.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Angela Caruso, Director

Office of Computer Education

and Technology





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159 Pantigo Road East Hampton, N.Y. 11937 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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TONY BULLOCK SUPERVISOR

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February 22, 1993

Hon. Ervin Duggan, Commissioner The Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street NW Washington DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Duggan:

I am writing this letter in support of granting "Must Carry" status to WHSI-TV, Channel 67, licensed to the Town of Smithtown, New York. Althought WHSI-TV carries the Home Shopping Club as its major programming, the station is fully committed to local public interest programming.

As Town Supervisor of the Town of East Hampton, I recently worked with the station to produce a series addressing the issue of striped bass management in New York State waters. This series informed the public of an important issue.

After you thoroughly investigate WHSI-TV's records, I am sure that you will be more than satisfied with the level at which WHSI-TV serves the public interest. It will be an asset to have WHSI-TV carried on all cable systems so that everyone will be able to take advantage of the station's local programming.

Sincerely

TONY BULLOCK

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February 22, 1993

The Hon. Ervin Duggan Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street NW Washington DC 20554

Dear Mr. Duggan:

I am writing this letter in support of granting "Must Carry" status to WHSI-TV, Channel 67, licensed to the city of Smithtown, New York. Although WHSI-TV carries the Home Shopping Club as its major programming, the station is fully committed to the issues of its local communities. As a Suffolk County Legislator I am aware of the station's efforts to provide a forum that addresses the concerns of the local community.

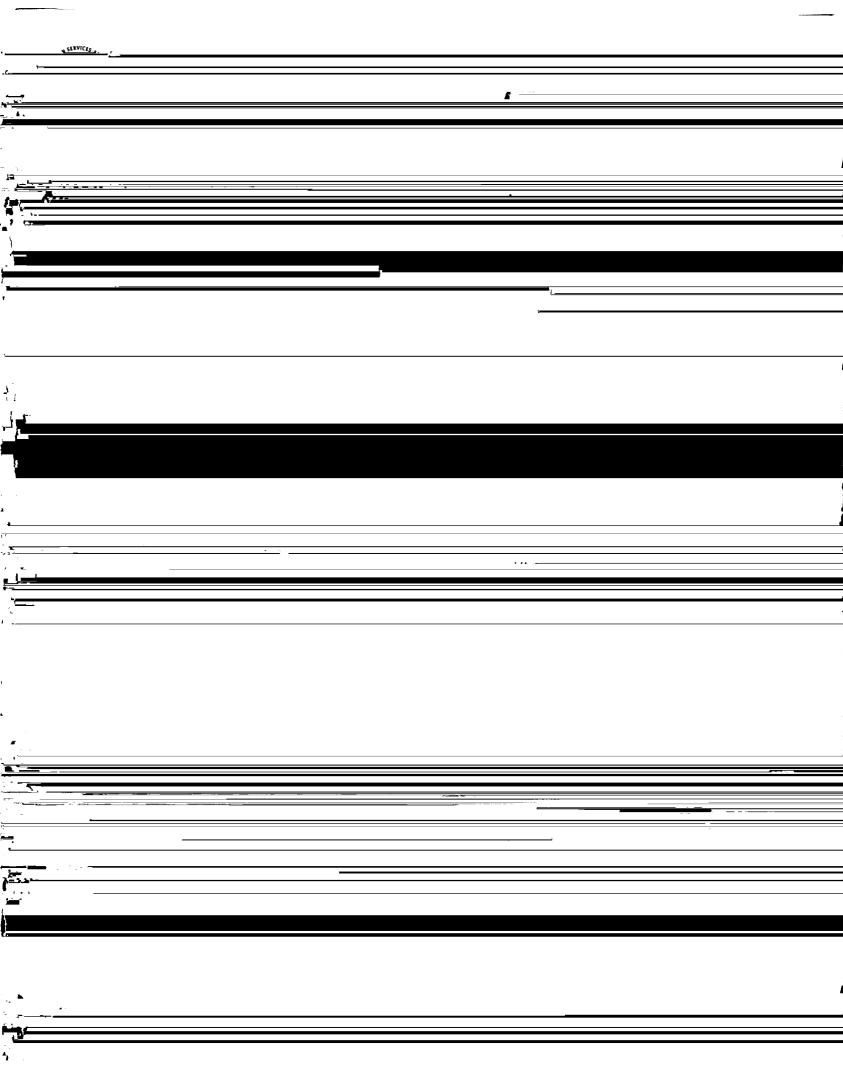
After you thoroughly investigate WHSI-TV's records, I am sure that you will be more than satisfied with the level at which WHSI-TV serves the public interest. It will be an asset to have WHSI-TV carried on all cable systems so that everyone will be able to take advantage of the station's local programming.

Sincerely,

James F. Gaughran

Legislator, 17th District

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Dear Commissioner Duggan:

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I know this first because of my relationship with WHSE-TV. Police Officer with the Allendale Police Department, I recently worked with the station to produce a series addressing the issues of home security and personal security while at shopping malls. This enabled our organization to inform the public.

After you thoroughly investigate WHSE-TV's records, I am sure that you will be more that satisfied with the level at which WHSE-TV serves the public interest. It will be an asset to have WHSE-TV carried on all cable systems so that everyone will be able to take advantage of the station's local programming.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Commissioner Duggan:

I have recently become aware that a decision will be made soon by the FCC as to whether to allow cable companies to choose which broadcast stations to carry. I believe the community would be much better served if "Must Carry" status were granted to WHSE-TV, licensed to the city of Newark, New Jersey. Although the major programming of WHSE-TV is the Home Shopping Club, the station has also committed itself to presenting programming dealing with local issues of important concern to the local community.

As the executive director of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a coalition of interfaith churches and synagogues providing food, shelter, and support services to homeless families, I was invited onto the station to produce a series addressing the needs of the homeless and provide information to the community about this serious crisis. This series was viewed by many in the community and I received much positive feedback. WHSE-TV has invited me back to do another series which will again help to educate the community about a major issue facing



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Dear Commissioner Duggan:

Although I don't know a great deal about the "Must Carry" statute of the Cable Bill of 1992, I do know that I would very much like a larger audience to be able to see the excellent coverage WBHS-TV gives to community events and concerns.

As Director of the Senior Home Improvement Program (S.H.I.P.), I am most appreciative of the in depth coverage we have received in regard to the housing of the elderly poor. WBHS-TV's public affairs program "In Your Interest" has been very responsive to the needs of this disadvantaged population, not only in their coverage of S.H.I.P., and a related city-wide program called "Paint Your Heart Out Tampa", but also in their staff's involvement in repairing and painting the homes in these programs.

Tapes of these events have been effective tools in fundraising presentations and in the recruitment of volunteers.

WBHS-TV is very much involved in the affairs of our community.

Sincerely,

Angela Martinez
Direcotr S.H.I.P.

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#### Stanly E. Black AIA ARCHITECT

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I know this first hand because of my relationship with WHSH-TV. As the Chairman of the Historic Districts Commission in Concord, MA, we recently worked with the station to produce a series addressing the issue of Historic Preservation. This enabled our organization to get our message to the public.

After you thoroughly investigate this station's performance, I am sure that you will be more than satisfied with the level at which this station serves the public interest. It will be an asset to have WHSH-TV carried on all cable systems so that everyone will be able to take advantage of their local programming.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stanly Black, AIA

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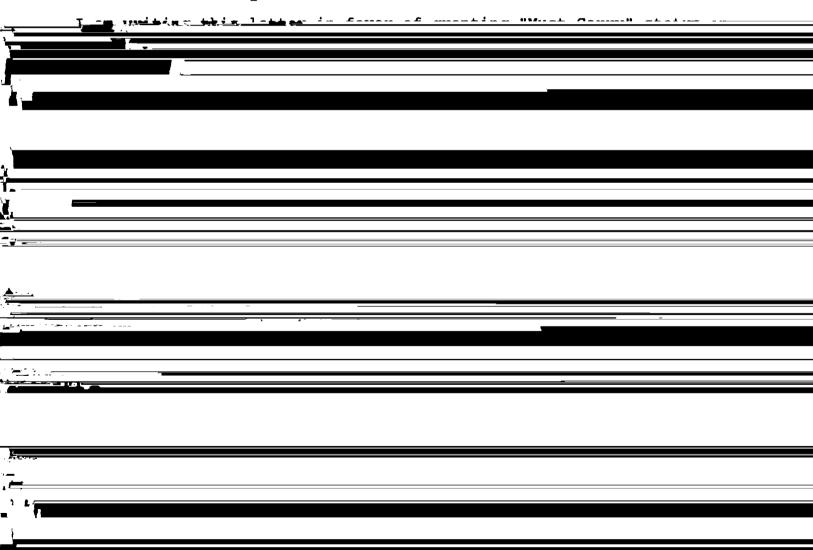
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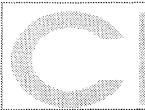
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Dear Commissioner Quello:





#### Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. 18 Church St., P.O. Box 578, Hudson, MA 01749

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Dear Commissioner Duggan:

Please accept this correspondence as support for granting "Must Carry" status to WHSH-TV, licensed to the City of Marlborough, MA. Although WHSH carries the Home Shopping Club as its major programming, the station is committed to local issues.

We recently worked with WHSH-TV to produce programming regarding our Holiday Promotions and the Community Fest. Both events are free to the public.

WHSH-TV coverage has helped insure the success of our community programming.

It will be an asset to have WHSH-TV carried on all cable systems so the more will be able to take advantage of their fine local programming.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah B. Cressy

Executive Director

Farab B. Cierry

滋 RACE INCORPORA COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION 1919 M Street NW Washington, DC 20554 Dear Commissioner Duggan: I want to give my support in granting "Must Carry" status to WHSE-TV, licensed to the city of Newark, New Jersey.



#### SHARPE JAMES

MAYOR NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102

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